

ticket & on the Empress steamer, which directly followed them - Then we drove to Miss Sullivan's, & found delicious coolness in her luxurious parlour - A clergy man & his wife, Mr & Mrs. Whately, were staying with her, & a little niece & her governess - We had lunch at 1, what in America we should call a sunny little dinner, & then we looked over the photos Miss S. had got from Greece, Turkey, France &c. & had some nice talks over our experiences - Then we went on to the lovely green lawn, shaded by fine trees, & sloping quite down to the water, & sit there in the shade & watch the amusing scene of boats going up the river - Such a crowd, everything that would float, some nice, swift racers & nothing but what we should call blunder mud-plows helped along by a board, as oar or perhaps sail, & one man was holding up his coat, & some purpose to, for there was a high wind - Already there were crowds on the towing path opposite, though it was not yet 3 & the race was not until 5 - Soon we went back to the house, which is set in a brilliant, brightly named flower garden, & got ready, & we started at 3 1/2 in the open carriage & pony carriage, for Fulham is a little below Putney where the race began, & Miss S. was to take us to a place a mile or so further up - The crowd near Putney Bridge where we dropped

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My dear Sue,

I closed my last letter, having established us at Mrs. Brooks'; and before I took my bonnet off I went out to get a dress - I had not had the chance to satisfy myself with an every day dress in Paris, it was so cold I could not bear my bare legs, & I suddenly found myself so in rags I was ashamed to walk in the streets! Well, one soon has had pretty steady wear for eight weeks these many months - And I think besides, some materials would be better in London - So I went to one of the mourning ware-houses, found nothing I liked, & ordered an alpaca, fairly nice, two shirts both trimmed, tight fitting waist & little "kep", as Katharine's Parisian dress-maker would call it, & all 4 guineas, \$1.00; sounds reasonable, but put it into fold & it is not cheap - Dr. Gray meantime went down & New, & on his way back met by agreement, Prof's Doreing & Goodwin at Putney to go & see the boat-crew - they found them in a pretty little cottage very comfortably settled, & they said they were treated with the greatest kindness & courtesy - And different people, I understand had sent them money - Mr. Sturges a check for 200 £. - I heard from report they were very much discouraged at first owing to the

shames, the current & eddies - And I confess I felt
their chance was very poor, if not on its own ground,
& our fellows on new waters very unlike home wa-
ters, & with a Coxswain too - But it was amusing
the interest & excitement the race caused - Fur
College, as Dr. Gray says, may have produced over 20
many nice men, but all the reputation of its learning
or science has been quite eclipsed & outdone by these
rather over-daring, young fellows coming over to row a
race! - Harvard is a familiar name now, & one would
have thought half London was to wear Magnates, by the
labelled ties & badges in the windows! -

I went up stairs to see Mrs. Goodwin in the Apt. - She
said how much coming abroad had done for her! she
never expected to have felt so well & so strong! Herby
is a grand, little fellow - We all dined together Sun-
day Afr. in our parlour, Mr. & Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. Har-
ness, Prof. Downing, Dr. Gray & I - They left early the
next morn. for Liverpool, & sail on Tuesday - Dr.
Gray & I went down to New on Monday to look about
for lodgings, found nothing that would do at all
except our last year's, & those we could not have until
Sept. 15th, & then Charles' must room out - New is
a little place, & not much accommodation in it -
He found a kind note ^{on getting back,} from Miss Sulivan, who had

called while we were away, to ask us to come to her
Friday to see the race & pass the day; & ^{Wed.} ~~next~~ morn.
she called herself, & we arranged to go to lunch
with her, & she to send us back to London in the Ev.
She was so cordial & pleasant! -

Meantime until Friday, I was busy mending &
mending, & repacking for the next week's visit, &
some writing, &c. &c. And Dr. Gray was working at
the Linn. Soc. Herbarium at British Museum -

He amused ourselves & took some exercise in
parading the streets a little, looking in at the
~~shop~~ - windows, staring at the dresses, & feeling bewildered
with the bustle & noise - It was very warm, & how
smoky & stifling London was, I cannot tell you! I
got head-achy & dull, & took cold beside -

Friday was a very warm day, but a nice breeze.
He ^{went to} started at 11 in a cab for Fulham, - And just
as I was dressing, Tom Hartman from Palazzo Brera's,
called - He was to sail with his wife for New York
Sept. 11th. - He was pleasant & sensible as ever - And
Dr. Gray & I are so sorry not to be at home to receive them,
& return a little of their kindness how last December.
Before we went to Stroom House, he drove over Palace
Bridge, Dr. Gray to take his good-wishes to the young
men, & see all was going on well - They gave him his

the most charming of hostesses, so unaffectedly cordial & hospitable, & making one feel so entirely at home -

But the next morn'g. I waked with a wretched cold, & to pack & arrange with a dull head, & when one would like to suspend a pocket handkerchief under one's nose, is no pleasant task: And meantime we had arranged to go to the Church, & everyone seemed to want us at once, & we must meet Charles & the girls the middle of the week, & Dr. Gray come back to New, & go travelling with them, so packing was a complication! - The Darwins wrote wouldn't we come to them now, as they couldn't have us later, so we arranged to pass Sunday with them, & left London on a stifling hot day, getting to Down about 6 o'clk. They gave us a very kind greeting, but we found Mr. Darwin not looking so well as last Autumn. A fall from his pony in the Spring had jinned him very much, & he was in Wales for his health in early Summer - Sunday was a poor day with him, & we only saw him a little while at a time - Mrs. Darwin & the girls were very pleasant however, & we saw two more of the sons, the fellow at Cambridge & one still a student there - They were on the lawn a good deal with bicycles as velocipedes we called here - Ever affectionately & small, *W. G.*

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Dr. Gray was enormous, & almost all the badges were Byford dark blue - I saw some Cab-drivers in the "mount" who combined both colors, & once in a while you saw magenta - I saw of course a violet, & tried a bit round my arm - The place where we went has been left by the family & rents for some years, & the river shore was dreadfully overgrown with willows & saplings, & it required some looking to find a good place to see, but we got a nice corner where we could see a bend down the river & clean in front of us, & kept our seats, lest we should lose them by the numbers who began on some plea or other to come in - Lockney's, whose boat were all wrong, & young men. I think from Byford from their intense expressions in her favor, then came some wonderfully smart ladies - One young lady had a magenta silk dress & M. muslin tunic over it, a magenta hat, gloves & fan, & another was in white muslin with the deep blue Byford sash & hat - The river was swarming, some boats so many that one knew by instinct the contents of the jugs they were handling, the police steamer was backwards & forwards, & the police boats constantly appearing, & presently it cleared in the middle, & except for three boaters at the sides, gave a broad view of full

water, for the tide was high - It grew to 5/4 & no signs of them, but presently we began to hear a dull roar that gradually swept up to us, on a fact, the cheers that greeted them, & soon the two boats swiftly glided past. Fortunately for my feelings, the Americans drew ahead & quite passed Oxford as they passed us, though I feared ~~then they were rowing too fast & could not keep it~~ up all the way. One could see they moved much faster than Oxford - But it was a beautiful sight, the two long, slender boats moving so quickly, the regular bend of the oars, the even time, & the sinewy strength, only it was over so soon! I could not even tell how they were dressed - Just behind, carefully glided on the two steamers, the Umpire's boat, & the Press boat - The last reports we could hear as they glided out of sight, "America still leading" - Then such a tedious long waiting before we could hear the result - It was more than an hour - The rumors kept coming, "America has beat!" And once I thought I saw the magenta flag & U.S. coming down side by side, & confess I felt for a few minutes quite elated, though it had seemed impossible - But they did not move, & I found they were only decorations - But at 6/4 or later, came a

distant shout of "Oxford!" And presently the steamer came in sight, the two flags on the bow, Oxford above & Harvard below, & the Oxford Blue lights floating over the middle - Then how some of the people cheered & shouted! - Well, Harvard pulled a good race it is thought, though the style is severely criticized as being too quick & not enough inflation of the chest - We took our way back to Brown House, & I rested quietly while the others went to get the sun set & freshness on the lawn, & see the crowds passing down the river again - Dr. Gray did not get back for some time still, & then we heard the accurate report of the time made - Mr. Sturges & Arthur Dexter, Shattuck & other Americans were on the boat, & among Englishmen he was introduced to Charles Reade the novelist, & saw Tom Hughes, the Umpire - or Referee (?) -

We did not dine until 7/2 - Such a fine dinner, beautiful fruit charmingly arranged, & everything so nice & handsome, with all the dignity of the old butler, & footmen, in full dress for Col. of red plush breeches & waist coats - Then, after a pleasant Col., Miss Sullivan sent us back to London at 10 o'clock in the pony carriage - It was so fresh & pleasant when London seemed tolerable! - Miss Sullivan is one of